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SUBJECT: CYPRUS AND THE CSCE

1. REUTERS' STORY DATELINED GENEVA SEPTEMBER 19 REPORTS GREEK AND CYPRIOTS REPS AS WARNING COORDINATING COMMITTEE THEY WOULD BLOCK SUCCESSFUL CONCLUSION TO CSCE UNLESS TURKEY WITHDRAWS FROM CYPRUS. THEY WOULD NOT, HOWEVER, HINDER PROGRESS OF NEGOTIATIONS.

2. WE ASSUME THAT STORY REFLECTS BACKGROUNDING ON WHAT GREECE AND CYPRUS IN FACT SAID TO COORDINATING COMMITTEE. WE ALSO ASSUME THAT EFFORTS WILL PROCEED TO PLACATE
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GREECE AND CYPRUS THROUGH PARLIAMENTARY DEVICE

SUCH AS THAT DESCRIBED GENEVA'S 5897, ASSUMING TURKEY
DOES NOT OBJECT.

3. IF PRESS QUERIES DEPARTMENT ON REUTERS STORY,
OUR RESPONSE WILL BE THAT DISCUSSIONS TOOK PLACE IN
COORDINATING COMMITTEE AND ARE THUS PRIVILEGED. FURTHER-
MORE, CSCE IS NOT THE PLACE TO DEAL WITH CYPRUS ISSUE
AND EFFORTS TO DO SO CAN ONLY FURTHER COMPLICATE AN
ALREADY DIFFICULT SITUATION.

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